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TAGS: CASC PO (PERSTEIN, SAMUEL)

SUBJ: SAMUEL PERSTEIN, FUNERAL PAYMENT

REF: DEPT 149767 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR 3571. IT KEPT US FROM WASTING TIME ON BLIND LEADS. LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT NO HELP.

2. MRS. PERSTEIN HAS SINCE RETURNED TO U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CLINT MAHONEY (212 WH4 3042), A FRIEND OF FAMILY, AND MIKE AND BENJAMIN FURSHEIN (301 HE9-4537), MRS. PERSTEIN'S NEPHEWS. THEY HAVE VAGUELY INDICATED THAT MONEY WILL BE FORTHCOMING TO PROVIDE FOR BURIAL IN LISBON, BUT AS YET, NOTHING HAS ARRIVED. OWING TO PERSTEIN'S FINANCIAL REPUTATION, NO ONE WILLING AND EMBASSY NOT PREPARED TO REQUEST ANYONE TO ASSUME CASE WITHOUT HAVING MONEY ON HAND.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING BENJAMIN FURSHEIN TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FUNDS ARE IN FACT FORTHCOMING. CHEAPEST FUNERAL AVAILABLE IS \$200; CHEAPEST JEWISH FUNERAL, \$400. MRS. PERLSTEIN HAS REQUESTED THE LATTER.

4. MRS. PERLSTEIN SEEMS TO HAVE CLEARED UP ALL BUT ONE OF HOTEL BILLS BEFORE LEAVING. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A BILL AT HOSPITAL CAPUCHOS STILL OUTSTANDING, BUT SINCE HOSPITAL HAS NOT RAISED QUESTION WITH US, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO CONTACT THEM.

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